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1. Sunderland, U.S. Patent No. 1,577,003 granted March 16, 1926 pertains to a Method And Means For Socketing Composite Wire Strands.
2. Larson et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,803,486 granted August 20, 1957 pertains to a Hook For Logging Arch Cable.
3. Brandestini, U.S. Patent No. 3,866,273 granted February 18, 1975 pertains to a Wire Cable Anchoring Arrangement.

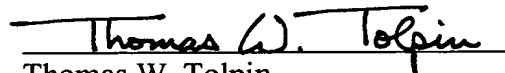
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4. Brandestini, U.S. Patent No. 4,068,963 granted January 17, 1978 pertains to a Means Anchoring A Bundle Of Wires In A Socket.
5. Crandall, U.S. Patent No. 4,275,117 granted June 23, 1981 pertains to a String Construction Produced By Subjecting A Fibrous Strand Composed Of Fibrous Material Having Differing Melting Points To Heating Conditions Sufficient To Melt Some But Not All Of The Fibrous Materials.
6. Ripoll, U.S. Patent No. 4,407,770 granted October 4, 1983 pertains to Cable Anchorage.
7. Graetz, U.S. Patent No. 4,498,282 granted February 12, 1985 pertains to a Wire Rope Having A Durable Marker.
8. Daiguji et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,557,007 granted December 10, 1985 pertains to an Anchor Socket.
9. Schlaich et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,673,309 granted June 16, 1987 pertains to a Method And Apparatus For Anchoring Cables Of High-Tensile Steel Wire.
10. Sato et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,776,161 granted October 11, 1988 pertains to a Unbonded PC Steel Strand.
11. Hanaoka et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,960,641 granted October 2, 1990 pertains to a Stranded Insulated Wire.
12. Flory, U.S. Patent No. 5,611,636 granted March 18, 1997 pertains to a Tension Member Termination With Segmented Potting Socket And Central Passage.
13. Thal, U.S. Patent No. 5,573,852 granted November 12, 1996 pertains to Tensioning Bundles Comprising A Plurality Of Tensioning Members Such As Stranded Wires, Rods Or Single Wires.
14. Bowen, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 6,007,911 granted December 28, 1999 pertains to Industrial Fabrics Having Filaments Characterized By Foam Segments Within Their Cross Section.
15. Doujak, U.S. Patent No. 6,007,912 granted December 28, 1999 pertains to a Wire Cord For Reinforcing Rubber Items.
16. European Patent 0 685 592, published December 6, 1995, European Application No. 95810339.2, filed May 23, 1995, Publication No. 0 685 592

A1, EP 068 592 B1 with English Abstract of FATZER AG pertains to Steel Wire Rope With Multiple Strands.

17. Norwegian Patent No. 304438 granted December 12, 1998, Application No. 971054 (19971054) filed March 17, 1997 of Kvaerner Oilfield Products, A.S. corresponding to International Application No. PCT/NO98/00077, filed March 6, 1998, International Publication No. WO 98/39532, published September 11, 1998, with International Search Report pertains to a Termination Of A Tension Member, For Use As A Tendon For A Tension Leg Platform.
18. UK Patent No. GB 2 337 769 A granted December 1, 1999, Application No. 9921127.8 filed March 6, 1998 of Kvaerner Oilfield Products, A.S. corresponding to International Application No. PCT/NO98/00076, filed March 6, 1998, International Publication No. WO 98/39513, published September 11, 1998, with International Search Report pertains to a Tension Member.
19. European Patent 0 672 781 A1, published September 20, 1995, European Application No. 95101891.0, filed February 13, 1995, with English Abstract of INVENTIO AG pertains to a Cable For Lifts.
20. European Patent EP 1 029 974 A1, published January 17, 2001, European Application No. 00100815.0, filed August 23, 2000, with English Abstract of INVENTIO AG pertains to a Sheathed Synthetic Fibre Rope.
21. Norwegian Search Report of Patent Application No. 2000 2811.

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